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# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ROSA L. DELAURO

3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Connecticut Foodshare's Warehouse Expansion in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Connecticut Foodshare, located at 2 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT 06492.

The \$2 million Connecticut Foodshare is requesting in funding would be used to increase their capacity to store and distribute frozen food by 44%. This funding will support the construction and expansion of Connecticut Foodshare's industrial warehouse space at their Wallingford headquarters to enable them to receive additional fresh and frozen product. Currently Connecticut Foodshare has capacity to store and distribute 625 pallets, or 438,000 pounds of frozen product. The proposed expansion would enable them to increase their frozen storage capacity by 44% and their cooler space by approximately 20%, resulting in capacity to serve an additional estimated 2 million meals throughout the state of Connecticut.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Connecticut Foodshare prioritizes food safety and nutrition for the people they serve and believe that by providing the healthy, fresh product that often costs more at the grocery stores, they can not only free up more money in household budgets but help to ensure that their nutritional needs are met. This project benefits many groups throughout the state from the more than 650 partner programs that Connecticut Foodshare serves in every corner of the state, to the farmers from whom they purchase fresh, Connecticut Grown product and most importantly the nearly 400,000 individuals in Connecticut facing food insecurity.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro  
Member of Congress